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REMARKS

Claims 1-7 remain pending in this application for which applicants seek reconsideration.

Amendment

Claims 1 and 7 have been amended to clarify that the first ID information is different from the second ID information. Allowable claims 2-6 have been placed in independent form. No new matter has been introduced.

Allowable Claims

Claims 2-6 were indicated to be allowable if they are placed in independent form. As these claims have been placed in independent form, they are now in condition for allowance.

Art Rejection

Claims 1 and 7 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by Albrecht (USP 6,118,632). Applicants traverse this rejection because Albrecht would not have taught providing the second ID information as set forth in claims 1 and 7.

Claims 1 and 7 call for providing first ID information in a preformatted region with uneven surface structure, and second ID information in a non-preformatted region with uniform surface structure. The first and second ID information are different information. Albrecht in contrast discloses providing only the same ID information on the disk. Since Albrecht does not disclose or teach providing second (different) ID in a different region from the preformatted region, claims 1 and 7 distinguish over Albrecht.

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Conclusion

Applicants submit that claims 1-7 patentably distinguish over the applied references and are in condition for allowance. Should the examiner have any issues concerning this reply or any other outstanding issues remaining in this application, applicants urge the examiner to contact the undersigned to expedite prosecution.

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